

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A replacement paragraph is submitted to correct a typographical error at page 7 of the specification.

Claims 1-6 are pending.

Claim 1 is amended to clarify that the handle portion of the handle-equipped locking member is ring-shaped, and that when the rear-end press-on portion is pressed and the ring-shaped handle portion is pulled, the hook portion of the elongated elastic portion is urged to be released.

Amended claim 1 incorporates the ring-shaped handle portion from claim 5. Accordingly, claim 5 is canceled.

The rejection of claims 1, 3 and 6 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,056,579 to Richards et al. is respectfully traversed. "To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim." MPEP § 2131. In the present case, Richards et al. fail to achieve this standard.

As amended, claims 1, 3 and 6 call for a ring-shaped handle portion. Richards et al. teach a latch arm (58) with an actuation section (66), but do not describe or even mention a ring-shaped element associated with the latch arm. Because all claim elements are not taught by Richards et al., claims 1, 3 and 6 are not anticipated.

The rejection of claims 2, 4 and 5 as obvious over the Richards patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,636,422 to Tanzer et al. is respectfully traversed. "To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art." *In re Royka*, 490 F. 2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974); MPEP § 2143.03. In the present case, Richards et al. and Tanzer et al. fail to meet this standard.

According to amended claims 2, 4 and 5, when the rear-end press-on portion of the handle-equipped locking member is pressed and the ring-shaped handle portion is pulled, the hook portion of the elongated elastic portion is urged to be released from the locking hole. Thus, the press-on portion and the ring-shaped handle portion together release the hook portion from the locking hole.

In contrast, Richards et al. teach only a press-on portion (actuation section 66), without a handle portion, for releasing a circuit card assembly. Because a handle-portion is not taught, no coordinate action between the press-on portion and a handle portion is possible. Similarly, Tanzer et al. describe a ring-shaped handle (204) that is used only after the carrier assembly is released (col. 7, ln. 2-5). Because the handle is not used to release the carrier assembly, no coordinate action between the handle and a press-on portion is possible. Neither reference teaches nor suggests a locking member and ring-shaped handle portion that act together to release a circuit board assembly. Accordingly, claims 2, 4 and 5 are not obvious.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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